

State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee

This Committee was established in December 1944 to coordinate the views of the State, War, and Navy Departments in matters in which they all had a common interest, and to establish policies for their Departments on politico-military questions referred to it. The Committee maintained liaison with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in order to obtain military approval for its decisions. The wartime chairman of the Committee was the Assistant Secretary of State for European, Far Eastern, Near Eastern, and African Affairs, James C. Dunn. Among its activities the Committee prepared policy for the control of Japan, drafted directives for the control of Germany and Austria, and coordinated the views of its member agencies on policy for presentation by the United States at international conferences. It formed standing subcommittees for Europe, the Near and Middle East, the Far East, Latin America, Rearmament, Military Information Control, Release of State Papers, and Security Control, and ad hoc committees for effecting collaboration between the State, War, and Navy Departments on the security functions of the United Nations and for reviewing directives and procedures for the seizure of enemy records. The Committee's Security Advisory Board studied the postwar problem of downgrading and declassification of security-classified records and issued regulations for security officers of Federal agencies to follow in declassifying documents. From the fall of 1947 until its termination in June 1949, the Committee was named the State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee. Records.--Correspondence, reports of subcommittees, and other papers of the Committee are in the Department of State's Division of Communications and Records.

See Harold W. Moseley, Col. Charles W. McCarthy, and Commander Alvin F. Richardson, "The State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee," in State Department Bulletin 13: 745-747 (Nov 11, 1945).

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